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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

A Response to an Office action dated September 4, 2009, was due on or before December 4, 2009. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a), thereby extending the response deadline to March 4, 2010, in order to ensure co-pendency for filing a continuation application being filed concurrently.

Submitted with this request is payment (via EFS) in the amount of \$1,110,00, which is the proper extension fee.

If the Patent Office determines that additional fees or extensions are required, please consider this a petition therefore. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account 02-4550.

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